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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,19,23-25,28-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a supplement to the notice of allowability dated 6/30/09.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Ulmer on 8/17/09.

The specification dated 9/30/03 has been amended as follows:

1. Line 7, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): replace "_____" with "10/675077"
2. Line 7, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): insert ", now Patent No. 7,452,363" between "Ortiz" and ":",
3. Line 8, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): replace "_____" with "10/675091"
4. Line 8, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): insert ", now abandoned" between "Beaupre" and ":",
5. Line 10, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): replace "_____" with "10/675705"
6. Line 10, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): insert ", now abandoned" between "Ortiz" and ":",
7. Line 11, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): insert "Self-Deploying" between "for" and "Fastener"

8. Line 11, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): replace "_____" with "10/675497"
9. Line 12, page 1 of specification (9/30/03): insert ", now Patent No. 7,309,341" between "Stulen" and "."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELISSA RYCKMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-9969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on (571)-272-4696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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